



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its Pacific Pelagic Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) Plan Team (PT) meeting to discuss fishery management issues and develop recommendations to the Council for future management of pelagic fisheries in the Western Pacific region.

**DATES:** The Pelagic PT meeting will be held between May 3 and May 5, 2022. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held by web conference via Webex. Web conference access information will also be posted on the Council's website at [www.wpcouncil.org](http://www.wpcouncil.org). For assistance with the web conference connection, contact the Council office at (808) 522-8220.

Audio and visual portions of the web conference can be accessed at:

<https://wprfmc.webex.com/wprfmc/j.php?MTID=m35b9b3a400f5a703fec6285db2bb958f>.

Event number (if prompted): 2455 435 6040. Event password (if prompted): PPT0503mtg.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Pelagic PT meeting will be held on May 3-5, 2022, and run each day from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST) (12 p.m.

to 4 p.m. Samoa Standard Time (SST); 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on May 4-6, 2022, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST)). Public comment periods will be provided in the agenda. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

### **Agenda for the Pelagic Plan Team Meeting**

*Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. HST (12 p.m. to 4 p.m. SST; Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ChST)*

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of draft agenda
3. Review 2021 Annual SAFE Report Modules
  - A. Fishery Data Modules
    - i. American Samoa
    - ii. CNMI
    - iii. Guam
    - iv. Hawaii
    - v. International
    - vi. Recreational/Non-Commercial Fisheries
    - vii. Fishery Observations
4. Plan Team Working Group on Bycatch Reporting Update
5. Public Comment

*Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. HST (12 p.m. to 4 p.m. SST; Thursday, May 5, 2022, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ChST)*

6. Continued: Review 2021 Annual SAFE Report Modules
  - B. Ecosystem Chapter
    - i. Environmental & Climate Variables
    - ii. Habitat section

- iii. Marine Planning section
- iv. Socioeconomics section
- v. Protected Species
- 7. False Killer Whale Interaction and Depredation Patterns
- 8. SAFE Report Discussion
  - A. 2021 Report Region Wide Improvements & Recommendations
  - B. Other SAFE Report Matters

*Thursday, May 5, 2022, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. HST (12 p.m. to 4 p.m. SST; Friday, May 6, 2022, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ChST)*

- 9. Pelagic Plan Team Action Items
  - A. Aquaculture Management Framework Alternatives (Action Item)
  - B. Alternatives for NWHI Fishing Regulations (Action Item)
- 10. Plan Team Discussion on Declining Trends for Some PMUS
  - A. Timeline of Notable Management Actions & Fishery Changes
  - B. Discussion on Data and Analyses to Inform Trends
- 11. Forage Fish Act Discussion
- 12. Public Comment
- 13. Pelagic Plan Team Recommendations
- 14. Other Business

### **Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M.

Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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